

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012, 9:00A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER by Arthur Bustard at 9:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

ARTHUR C. BUSTARD [X]
STEPHEN C. QUIGLEY [X]
SUSAN G. CAUGHLAN [X]

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Chairman Bustard had no informational items.

1. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. Subdivision & Land Development Update (current activity only)

Tiffany Loomis, Zoning Officer, provided the Board with an update of two new applications: Our Farm 42-lot subdivision sketch plan and a TDR application from Worcester Golf Course located on Green Hill Road.

b. Zoning Hearing Board Update

Mr. Mangan reported that the March 27th meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 17, due to the primary election taking place on April 24th, and the Community Hall being unavailable.

2. ENGINEER'S REPORT

a. Materials and Equipment Bid Update

Joseph Nolan, Township Engineer, informed that Board that bids were opened on March 28th, and he is preparing a letter of recommendation, for award at the April 18th meeting.

Supervisor Quigley asked about the road contract, relative to the costs of paving materials. Mr. Nolan indicated that an index of escalating costs were in the bid for liquid fuels.

3. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

James Garrity, Township Solicitor, had no report.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Gordon Todd, Planning Commission Chairman spoke about the draft Cedars Village Overlay Ordinance. He commented that the restriction on alcoholic beverages should be removed, the

phrase "hours of operation" should be changed to "hours of service" and that Curves, as defined, would be an allowable use.

Supervisor Quigley asked how the "no alcoholic beverage" clause got into the draft ordinance if not enforceable and inquired if the businesses in Worcester were contacted for input, real estate tax changes and expressed desire for sidewalks for safety and access. He suggested that a Worcester business association be established.

Mr. Todd responded that a change in use does not automatically get reflected in a re-assessed value. He further commented on the desire of current residents not to have sidewalks, and future uses would be subject to land development and could be addressed at that time.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to amend the ordinance by striking out the alcohol clause and changing the word "operation" to "service" and to advertise the amended ordinance. Supervisor Quigley seconded.

James Mollick, Worcester, commented on the lack of fairness to residents by having Mr. Todd at the work session to amend the Cedars Overlay Ordinance and not having this topic on the posted agenda or web site. He further commented on why Solicitor's recommendations were not followed in drafting the ordinance.

Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously to authorize advertisement of the amended Cedars Ordinance with the changes noted.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Supervisor Caughlan moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2012. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion.

James Mollick remarked about his comments in the February 6, 2012 minutes and requested the Board give consideration to his request to change them.

Chairman Bustard called the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maeve Vogan, Worcester, commented on the lack of attendance at meetings, and how televised meetings would allow residents to view them at their convenience, the newspaper reporting a meeting with the Township and School District Officials concerning athletic field lights and the lack of the Board announcing the meeting.

James Mollick commented on the upcoming televised school board meetings, sharing technology to televise Board of Supervisor meetings, legal matters concerning Board emails, and Township spending money on solicitor services.

Rick DeLello, Worcester, commented on the cancellation of the May work session, and rescheduling, Planning Commission comments related to ordinance development, and the lack of talk about Fairview Village development.

Supervisor Quigley asked to have the township manager contact the school district to obtain information on televising meetings, and have it on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or comments from the public, Chairman Bustard adjourned the meeting at 9:50AM.

Respectfully submitted:



F. Lee Mangan, Secretary

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP
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 WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
 FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, PA
 WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 2012 - 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Bustard at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

ARTHUR C. BUSTARD [X]

STEPHEN C. QUIGLEY [X]

SUSAN G. CAUGHLAN [X]

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Chairman Bustard announced that the May 7th Board of Supervisors work session and joint meeting with the Planning Commission have been cancelled due to the PSATS Convention.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The Treasurer's reports for March, 2012 net change on cash basis:

March, 2012 Report:

General Fund	\$165,812.51
State	\$155,329.64
Capital Reserve	\$598.81

James Mollick, Worcester, inquired about the expense item for public safety, state fund and a truck purchase.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OF THE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor Caughlan moved to pay the bills of the Township in the amount of \$244,429.01. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion.

James Mollick inquired about several items on the bill payment list including legal bill detail, and announced that the public should have access to the details for bill payment.

William Kazimer, Worcester, commented about operating in secrecy, Right to Know Law, and Township bills.

James Garrity, Township Solicitor, responded to the public comments about bill details.

Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Zoning Hearing Board Update provided by Zoning Officer, Tiffany Loomis

Last meeting was April 17, 2012. Application #12-01 was granted. The Zoning Hearing Board held their annual reorganization, and no positions changed.

The next meeting is May 22, 2012.

Land Development and Subdivision Update provided by Tiffany Loomis.

Tiffany Loomis informed the Board that there were no new updates.

MJE Builders, 3110 Heebner Road, Preliminary / Final approval consideration for two lot subdivision

A representative for the applicant explained the proposed 2-lot subdivision. All comments from the last letter from the Township engineer and waivers have been addressed.

Supervisor Caughlan inquired about waivers and the tree line buffer.

Supervisor Quigley commented that the subdivision was to provide a building lot for a family member of the applicant.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to approve Resolution 2012-12 to grant Preliminary/Final approval for the 2-lot subdivision at 3110 Heebner Road. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

Award Bid: 2012 Materials (Stone and Paving)

Joseph Nolan, Township Engineer, commented that bids were opened on March 28, 2012 and the low bidders were Highway Materials, Inc. of Blue Bell, PA for stone and Glasgow, Inc. of Glenside, PA for paving material.

Chairman Bustard asked how much the bids went up from the previous year.

Supervisor Caughlan asked if there was a fuel surcharge on delivery.

James Garrity, Township Solicitor, commented that Highway Materials, Inc. is a client of his law firm.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to award the stone bid to Highway Materials, Inc. of Blue Bell, PA and paving materials bid to Glasgow, Inc. of Glenside, PA.

James Mollick asked what the actual bid amounts were, and Chairman Bustard read the bid tabulation.

Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

Award Bid: 2012 Equipment Rental

Joseph Nolan, Township Engineer, commented that bids were opened on March 28, 2012 and the low bidder was Harris Gramm Contactors of Collegeville, PA.

Supervisor Quigley moved to award the equipment rental bid to Harris Gramm Contractors of Collegeville, PA. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Quigley asked if the manager had reached out to the school district concerning the televising of Board meetings and athletic field lights. He further asked about the appointment of a new chief of the State Police in Skippack, and if that individual could come to a future meeting to be introduced.

Supervisor Quigley further inquired about real estate signs, the procedure used for taking them, and an update on the US Army Base and the legal research being conducted.

Mr. Lee Mangan, Township Manager, responded.

Mr. Garrity remarked that he had also spoken with the school district's attorney, and he acknowledged that the school district is responsible at this stage for moving the light issue forward.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Joseph Nolan noted that his monthly report was sent to the Township, and he would be happy to answer any questions from the Board.

Authorization to Advertise: Infiltration Testing Ordinance

Mr. Nolan introduced the ordinance.

Supervisor Quigley moved to authorize advertising of the Infiltration Testing Ordinance, and Supervisor Caughlan seconded.

William Kazimer asked about infiltration testing for seepage beds, and infiltration of stormwater into sewer system.

Mr. Nolan commented that the Township had retained Miller Environmental to research infiltration and inflow, and this ordinance is not related to that issue.

Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Garrity had no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Quigley asked if Mr. Nolan was involved in naming the creek behind the elementary school, and why was Mr. Garrity charging the Township to do research on that issue. He commented that legal bills need to be monitored more closely. Mr. Garrity announced his time was requested by Supervisor Caughlan in response to the school's science club inquiry. Supervisor Caughlan said former Township Manager David Burman was aware of the request.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2012

One change was made to correct the award of the Eger Beaver chipper to the "highest" bidder, not the lowest bidder, as was erroneously written.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to approve as amended, the minutes of March 21, 2012. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed

unanimously by all to dispense with the reading of and approve as amended, the minutes of March 21, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Plager, Worcester, commented about the plans for a dog park after an unleashed dog in Heebner Park jumped on him and commented on safety for residents using the park.

Supervisor Quigley commented about an accident on Morris Road, and asked who is responsible for line painting on roads and inquired if it is a single or double lane road.

Dorothy McGrane, Worcester, remarked she once supported a dog park, but has since changed her mind, citing recent news about veterinarians reporting increased business from dog park activity.

William Kazimer asked about speed signs on Germantown Pike, and the possibility of using the electronic speed sign on Germantown Pike. He announced that the Norristown State Hospital needs signs to restore for their produce sale, if the Township had any to donate.

James Mollick suggested that the Board let the public know about changes made at the April work session to the proposed Cedars Village overlay ordinance. He asked about a bridge purchase, solicitor costs for naming the creek behind the elementary school, and the solicitor's opinion on the Caughlan driveway issue, indicating there was nothing in the minutes authorizing the solicitor's input.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before this Board, Chairman Bustard adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:


F. Lee Mangan, Secretary

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